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Sec. 1.2: Display Goals, Page 3, Paragraph 2, Bullet 2

## **Current Requirements:**

Display goals are:

- the display of files at every stage in the processing flow
- the simultaneous display of two files

## Recommended Change:

Display goals are:

- the display of files at every stage in the processing flow
- the simultaneous display of more than two (and perhaps as many as five or six) files

#### Rationale:

Users in both the bureaus and Headquarters groups require the ability to receive urgent messages, and respond to them, without canceling out the work they are already performing, and to use incoming traffic from multiple sources in the course of performing editing, searching, or the composition of outgoing messages.

Some examples of the numbers of windows which might simultaneously be required by specific users:

#### Bureau - Editor:

- Incoming message traffic (especially for alter)
- Incoming material from monitor (especially for alter)
- Incoming English Press Agency (especially for alter)
- Translation being edited, or view of running summary (see RFC XSIS-003)
- Message composition window (for response to, or forwarding of, alter)
- Reference aids (but perhaps not simultaneously with all others)

#### Bureau - Monitor

- View of running summary
- Request (for quote translation) message from Editor

- Message composition window (for translated quote)
- Reference aids (perhaps more than one window)

# HQ - Analyst

- Incoming message traffic (for alter)
- Request (for specific analysis) message
- Structured search window (search control and "hit" list)
- Full-text view of a selected "hit" (perhaps more than one window)
- Message composition window (for response to request)

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## Sec. 1.2: Intercommunication Goals, Page 3, Paragraph 3, Bullet 2

## **Current Requirements:**

Intercommunication goals are:

• communication between terminals of messages, data files, and instructions

## Recommended Change:

Intercommunication goals are:

- communication between terminals of messages, data files, and instructions
- multiple incoming message or traffic streams from different sources, e.g., Wire traffic, English Press Agency, input from monitors, etc.

#### Rationale:

Users in both the bureaus and Headquarters groups require the ability to receive urgent messages from several different types of sources, and to be able to examine them without canceling their view of the existing messages on their terminals. Messages coming in from the FBIS Wire are formatted differently from traffic coming in on the English Press Agency feed (or feeds), which again is different from urgent input or requests which other local users may be sending. These messages (or traffic) streams must be kept separate from one another, and yet each must be able to alert the user of incoming traffic, which he can then examine even while he is dealing with similar traffic from one or more of the other sources.

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## Sec. 1.2: File Manipulation Goals, Page 3, Paragraph 5, Bullet 2

## **Current Requirements:**

File manipulation goals are:

- accept annotations and comments . . . .
- some facility (commonly referred to by the trade name "Edit Trace") must exist to track and display changes made to text files at sequential processing steps. Implicit in this is the maintenance of several versions of a file reflecting at least two different processed versions and including the identity of the individual making the change or comment. The ability to control the quality of FBIS products, which relies in the paper world on review of penciled editorial changes and comments, is deemed critical to both field and Headquarters.

# Recommended Change:

File manipulation goals are:

- accept annotations and comments . . . .
- some facility (commonly referred to by the trade name "Edit Trace") must exist to track and display changes made to text at sequential processing steps. Implicit in this is the maintenance of several versions of a file reflecting at least three different editing processes and including the identity of the individual making the change or comment. The ability to control the quality of FBIS products, which relies in the paper world on review of penciled editorial changes and comments, is deemed critical to both field and Headquarters.

#### Rationale:

Substituting the word "text" for the word "files" makes explicit the fact that Edit Trace capability is required for tracking changes to text, but not for tracking changes to graphics. Changes to text contained within graphics, however, will be recorded by Edit Trace. The statement requiring a minimum of three editing processes to be retained was added to provide a quantitative requirement.

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# Sec. 1.4: Data Base Management Requirements, Page 5, Paragraph 3

# **Current Requirements:**

## 1.4 Data Base Management Requirements

The system is intended to support the creation, storage, maintenance, retrieval, and report generation operations for a large number of files that may be grouped into one or more data bases. The nature of the files ranges from large text files to small highly structured files. (It is assumed that all files under DBMS control have been stripped of all composition & mark-up characters.)

## Recommended Change:

## 1.4 Data Base Management Requirements

The system is intended to support the creation, storage, maintenance, retrieval, and report generation operations for a large number of files that may be grouped into one or more data bases. The nature of the files ranges from large text files to small highly structured files. Composition and mark-up characters will be ignored during text searches.

#### Rationale:

Whether or not there are indexes associated with the text files is a design issue, not a requirements issue.

The intent of the assumption that was deleted is that the users be able to do text searches of the text data base without consideration for the "formatting" information, but what was written was a possible implementation of that requirement. The sentence added states the requirements without specifying the implementation.

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Sec. 1.4: Data Base Management Requirements, Page 5, Paragraph 2, Bullet 1

## **Current Requirements:**

• Data value types include: text (alphanumeric), alpha, numeric, date, time,

## Recommended Change:

• Data value types include: text (alphanumeric), alpha, numeric, date, time. Nothing in the system should preclude the later inclusion of graphics and raster images as data types.

#### Rationale:

There is a need in the JPRS reports for graphics capability as well as the need to include scanned images in documents. Although this capability is not included in these requirements, this is an appropriate place to ensure that the design does not exclude this avenue of growth.

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# Re: Sec. 1.4 FBIS: Data Base Management Requirements, Pages 5 and 6

## **Current Requirements:**

- Data element (field) attributes include:
  - = length "unlimited": an entire four hour speech looks like a single field to a weer.
  - = groups, a related set of different fields within a data record are considered to be logically bonded and can repeat within a single record just as records repeat within a file
  - = a record can have more than one type of repeating group
  - = mandatory elements (fields); i.e., a group and/or record cannot exist unless the field is present

## Recommended Change:

- Data element (field) attributes include:
  - = length "unlimited": an entire four hour speech looks like a single field to a user. (This description of the user view should not be construed to be an implementation requirement.)
  - = groups, a related set of different fields within a data record are considered to be logically bonded and can repeat within a single record just as records repeat within a file
  - = a record can have more than one type of repeating group
  - = mandatory elements (fields); i.e., a group and/or record cannot exist unless the field is present

#### Rationale:

This disclaimer is added to emphasize that these requirements are functional in nature. The implementation is left to the designers.

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# Sec. 1.5: Data Base Management Retrieval Requirements, Page 7 Current Requirements:

## 1.5 Data Base Management Retrieval Requirements

A general retrieval capability is needed to operate against the types of data values, attributes, and file relationships described in section 1.4. There must be an ability to search with or without regard to the logical relationships inherent in a particular file. These conditions include:

- within a single file
- between or among files
- within a single occurrence of a group
- among groups

Search operators include:

- equal, not equal, greater than, less than
- the greater and less than combined (into a single range statement)

# Recommended Change:

# 1.5 Data Base Management Retrieval Requirements

A general retrieval capability is needed to operate against the types of data values, attributes, and relationships described in section 1.4. There must be an ability to search with or without regard to the logical relationships inherent in a particular data base. These conditions include:

- within a single document or message
- between or among documents, messages, and data bases
- within a single occurrence of a group
- among groups

# Search operators include:

- equal, not equal, greater than, less than
- the greater and less than combined (into a single range statement)

## Rationale:

These changes are an attempt to remove implementation terminology. The remainder of Section 1.4 is unchanged.

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## Sec. 1.5: Text Processing Requirements, Pages 9-10

## **Current Requirements:**

## 1.7 Text Processing

Text processing requirements vary between field applications and headquarters. While the need for high-quality editing wordprocessing functionality is required universally, Headquarters requires the ability to control composition functions. Conversely, bureaus only need to be concerned with a simpler set of composition functions (that is, column width, word wrap, etc.) on those non publishable material intended for hard-copy output on local line printers (correspondence, reports, memos, etc.).

#### and:

Text manipulation features required:

- state-of-the-art word processsing functionality . . . .
- support for line printer formatting (including margins; line spacing; quadding left, right and center; page numbering, tab stops; running heads; justification; etc.) to the extent of the line-printer capability (access underlining, bold, sub- and super-scripts).

# Recommended Changes:

# 1.7 Text Processing

Text processing requirements vary between field applications and headquarters. While the need for high quality editing wordprocessing functionality is required universally, Headquarters requires the ability to control composition functions. Conversely, bureaus only need to be concerned with a simpler set of composition functions (that is, column width, word wrap, etc.) on those non-publishable material intended for hard-copy output on local line or page printers (correspondence, reports, memos, etc.).

#### and:

Text manipulation features required:

- state-of-the-art word processsing functionality....
- support for line or page printer formatting (including margins; line spacing; quadding left, right and center; page numbering, tab stops; running heads; justification; etc.) to the extent of the printer capability (access underlining, bold, sub- and super-scripts). The printed output shall match the displayed copy in format to facilitate locating a passage in the displayed file.



#### Rationale:

Both Headquarters and bureaus have requirements for local generation of hardcopy by a high quality, fast and quiet printer. Character printers are not appropriate, but both line printers and page printers are candidates. Hardcopy will be used for reviewing and editing text. Any changes made will be incorporated at an editor's workstation. In order that the text to be changed can be readily identified on the screen, it is important that the display and the hardcopy have the same format, allowing the selected text location to be quickly identified by paragraph size and shape.

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Re: Sec. 1.7 FBIS: Text Processing, Page 10

#### **Current Requirements:**

Text manipulation features required:

• state-of-the-art word processing functionality, including, but certainly not restricted to full implementations of insertion, deletion, search and replace, block, sentence, paragraph, line, word and character manipulation, memory and burst keys, text copy and merging, etc., and potential support for multilingual word processing

## Recommended Change:

Text manipulation features required:

 state-of-the-art word processing functionality, including, but certainly not restricted to full implementations of insertion, deletion, search and replace, block, sentence, paragraph, line, word and character manipulation, memory and burst keys, text copy and merging, etc., and support for multi-lingual word processing

#### Rationale:

The FBIS SDS has decided that multi-lingual word processing is a requirement at bureaus as well as at Headquarters. This RFC makes explicit that requirement.

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## Sec. 2.2: Collection Requirements, Page 12, Paragraph 3

## **Current Requirements:**

Automation of the reception of radio broadcasting would include:

- automatic selection of receiver, frequency, and antenna for each broadcast as well as the automatic distribution of a broadcast to the appropriate monitor station, as directed by a predetermined schedule
- automatic frequency tracking due to changing reception conditions; must be able to display and modify the conditions
- provision for manual tuning of receivers and antenna selection by the monitor

## **Recommended Changes:**

Automation of the reception of radio broadcasting would include:

- provision for display of date and time-of-day (GMT) on the workstation screen
- provision for displaying the monitor's assigned schedule in a window on the workstation screen
- provision for similar display of the entire bureau schedule, if desired, for viewing by editors, the chief monitor, the shift supervisor, etc.
- provision for easily copying a schedule item (source and language), as well as date and time of day, to a Program Summary or Translation window on the workstation screen

#### Rationale:

The current system works! It is reliable, accurate, and efficient. To justify the acquisition and maintenance costs associated with automation, some tangible benefits must be derived in terms of greater efficiency, reliability, or accuracy. Our study of this area has not led us to believe that any of these benefits will accrue from automation. For example, due to monitors' individual preferences for tuning and the possibility that crisis situations, will arise, manual override of all controls would be an absolute necessity. This not only means that all automation equipment is redundant, but also presents a significant control problem for the system to resolve the overlapping, and sometimes contradictory, commands from the controller and the monitor. In addition, a formidable design problem is foreseen in satisfying the requirement to provide automatic frequency selection and tracking due to changing reception conditions. Recognition of the proper station and satisfactory reception conditions, though apparently an easy task for the human, cannot be easily duplicated with equipment.



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## Sec. 2.2: Collection Requirements, Page 12

## **Current Requirements:**

The process of recording and recalling broadcasts could be aided by:

- automatically recording the source, date, start, and stop time of the broadcast on the recording medium
- supporting the manual insertion of markers between and within individual items within one broadcast

The reception and relay of broadcasts from a remote reception post to a field bureau (or other destination) could be aided by:

• The automatic selection of receiver, frequency, and antenna for each broadcast as well as the automatic distribution of a broadcast to the appropriate monitor station and relaying/rebroadcast vehicle according to predetermined schedule

## Recommended Change:

Delete this section.

#### Rationale:

The present manual process of recording and retrieval does not present a problem for the monitors and is handled very efficiently. No improvement could be predicted as a result of automation. Therefore, it is suggested that this section be deleted.

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Sec. 2.2: Collection Requirements, Page 12, Last Paragraph

## **Current Requirements:**

No current requirement.

## Recommended Change:

Move the paragraph below from Location and retrieval goals (p. 15) to the Radio Broadcast section, p. 12:

Broadcast items are recorded on recording tape, and do not exist as conventional source text files until they are translated and manually keyboarded. Thus, they require a unique set of processing controls to support their indexing and retrieval while on this sequential recording media. While alternative approaches are welcome, the goal is to be able to retrieve both broadcasts and individual items within larger broadcasts. (It is presumed that specific item retrieval will be based on a cross-index between a manually generated broadcast summary list with specific start and stop positions on a recording tape. However, any approach which satisfies the goal is welcome.)

#### Rationale:

This paragraph, formerly under Location and retrieval goals in Section 2.3, is associated with the radio broadcast operation as opposed to file manipulation. Therefore, it is suggested that it be moved as shown.

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# Sec. 2.2: CollectionRequirements, Page 13, Last Paragraph

## **Current Requirements:**

The automation of reception and the process of recording and recalling television broadcasts is parallel to radio.

## Recommended Changes:

The automation of television broadcast reception, recording and retrieval will consist of provision for the workstation aids similar to those described under Sec. 1, Radio Broadcast.

#### Rationale:

As in the case of the radio broadcast, no accrued benefit could be identified which would justify the acquisition and maintenance costs of full automation.

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## Sec. 2.2: Collection Requirements, (Cruising) Page 14

## **Current Requirements:**

Automated support of this function would include:

- independence from collection operations, since it often occurs at the same time
- coverage of the radio and television spectrum per Exhibits D and F
- automated entry into a file of:
  - = current date and time
  - = receiver frequency
  - = antenna configuration/pointing
  - = signal strength

## Recommended Changes:

Automated support of this function would include:

- independence from collection operations, since it often occurs at the same time
- coverage of the radio and television spectrum per Exhibits D and F
- keyboard entry into a file of:
  - = current date and time
  - = receiver frequency
  - = antenna configuration/pointing
  - = signal strength
- automated distribution of the above data to monitors and to a file for distribution to MOD

#### Rationale:

As in the case of the radio broadcast, no accrued benefit could be determined which would justify the costs of full automation.

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## Sec. 2.3: Processing (Copy Flow), Page 14

## **Current Requirements:**

## 2.3 Processing

The system is intended to support, expedite and automate the processing of source material. This includes the tasks of monitoring, selecting, translating, and editing source material. In general this is perceived to be implemented through a multi-terminal system to support the selective access, manual manipulation, and subsequent refiling and routing of individual files. The concept of "copy flow" from newspaper systems is a model for many functions.

## **Recommended Changes:**

## 2.3 Processing

The system is intended to support, expedite and automate the processing of source material. This includes the tasks of monitoring, selecting, translating, and editing source material. In general this is perceived to be implemented through a multi-terminal system to support the selective access, manual manipulation, and subsequent refiling and routing of individual files.

#### Rationale:

The final sentence contributes little to the understanding of bureau operations and is misleading in that the flow of information in a bureau is not unidirectional as it is in a newspaper, but loops back in an iterative fashion as the editing process is carried out and as questions are raised and resolved.

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## Sec. 2.3: Processing, Page 14, Last Paragraph

## **Current Requirements:**

Display goals are:

• the display of files at every stage in the processing flow

• the simultaneous display of two files

## **Recommended Changes:**

Display goals are:

- the display of files at every stage in the processing flow
- the simultaneous terminal display of more than two (and perhaps as many as five or six) files

#### Rationale:

Users in both the bureaus and Headquarters groups require the ability to receive urgent messages, and respond to them, without canceling out the work they are already performing, and to use incoming traffic from multiple sources in the course of performing editing, searching, or the composition of outgoing messages. (See RFC XSIS-001.)

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## Sec. 2.3: Processing, Page 15, First Paragraph

## **Current Requirements:**

Intercommunication goals are:

• communication between terminals . . . .

## Recommended Change:

Intercommunication goals are:

• communication between terminals....

• quasi-real-time viewing of a running summary from terminals other than the one it is being created on this will be used to facilitate the production of FYIs and translation of actual important quotes during a live broadcast speech

Today, the primary monitor covering a live speech types a running summary continously throughout the speech, passing this to the editor a page at a time, - or more often as events dictate. The editor then composes FYI messages to send to Headquarters, and requests translations from other monitors, who are also listening to the speech and recording it, as circumstances dictate. This added requirement is needed so that equivalent procedures can be performed using the system to be developed. Both editor and other monitors should have the capability of viewing and copying (but not changing) text from the running summary as it is in progress.

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Re: Sec. 2.3 FBIS: Processing, Page 15

## **Current Requirements:**

Intercommunication goals are:

• communication between terminals . . . .

## Recommended Change:

Intercommunication goals are:

- communication between terminals of messages, data files, and instructions
- quasi-real-time viewing of a running summary from terminals ....
- multiple incoming message or traffic streams from different sources, e.g., Wire traffic, English Press Agency, input from monitors, etc.

#### Rationale:

Users in both the bureaus and Headquarters groups require the ability to receive urgent messages from several different types of sources, and to be able to examine them without canceling their view of the existing messages on their terminals. Messages coming in from the FBIS Wire are formatted differently from traffic coming in on the English Press Agency feed (or feeds), which again is different from urgent input or requests which other local users may be sending. These messages (or traffic) streams must be kept separate from one another, and yet each must be able to alert the user of incoming traffic, which he can then examine even while he is dealing with similar traffic from one or more of the other sources.

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## Sec. 1.2: File Manipulation Goals, Page 15, Paragraph 3, Bullet 2

## **Current Requirements:**

File manipulation goals are:

- accept annotations and comments . . . .
- some facility (commonly referred to by the trade name "Edit Trace") must exist to track and display changes made to text files at sequential processing steps. Implicit in this is the maintenance of several versions of a file reflecting at least three different editing processes and including the identity of the individual making the change or comment. The ability to control the quality of FBIS products, which relies in the paper world on review of penciled editorial changes and comments, is deemed critical to both field and Headquarters.

## Recommended Change:

File manipulation goals are:

- accept annotations and comments....
- some facility (commonly referred to by the trade name "Edit Trace") must exist to track and display changes made to text at sequential processing steps. Implicit in this is the maintenance of several versions of a file reflecting at least three different editing processes and including the identity of the individual making the change or comment. The results of a minimum of three editing processes must be retained. The ability to control the quality of FBIS products, which relies in the paper world on review of penciled editorial changes and comments, is deemed critical to both field and Headquarters.

#### Rationale:

Substituting the word "text" for the word "files" makes explicit the fact that Edit Trace capability is required for tracking changes to text, but not for tracking changes to graphics. Changes to text contained within graphics, however, will be recorded by Edit Trace. The statement requiring a minimum of three editing processes to be retained was added to provide a quantitative requirement.

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# Sec. 2.5: Data Bases and User Support, Pages 17 and 18

## **Current Requirements:**

2.5 Data Bases & User Support (See 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6)

## Recommended Change:

2.5 Data Bases & User Support

The data base at the field bureaus falls into four categories:

- 1. original source magnetic tapes, received periodicals and other non-digitized foreign language input to the field bureaus. This is manually archived as needed and will not be automated.
- 2. press service source material received digitally from Wire Services. This material will be read by the automated system, then archived and distributed electronically.
- 3. translations and summaries as composed into outgoing messages.
- 4. translation aids.
- 5. administrative files (for such things as payroll, etc.)

The goal is to automate the last four of these categories.

Press agency DBMS goals are:

- input of press agency messages directly into the system
- automatic short-term archiving of press agency messages
- no re-keying of English language press agency material
- ensuring that press agency messages that have not yet been purged from the data base will be available for recall by editors and monitors. Recall will be based on date and time of original source and press agency name

Translation and summary DBMS goals:

 automatic addition of translations and summaries to the short-term archive data base after they are entered into the system

- no re-keying of translations and summaries
- provision for translations and summaries that have not yet been purged from the data base to be available for recall by editors and monitors. Recall will be based on date and time of original source and source name

## Translation aids DBMS goals:

- automatic addition of translation aids to the data base after they are entered into the system
- provision of multi-lingual translation aids
- provision for translation aids to be edited at monitor and editor workstations
- ensuring that translation aids will be available for recall by editors and monitors

## Administrative files DBMS goals

- maintaining administrative files (payroll, subscription, etc.) on a data base at the field bureaus
- providing a reasonable complement of DBMS reporting and retrieval commands

#### Rationale:

The DBMS requirements at the field bureaus are very different from the DBMS requirements at the home office. The requirements document should reflect these differences.